# Strange Signes ſeene in the Aire, ſtrange Monſters behelde on the Land, and wonderfull Prodigies both by Land and Sea, ouer, in, and about the Citie of *Roſenberge* in high Germany the nineteenth of Ianuarie laſt paſt.

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# Newes out of Rosenbergh.

IN the Citie of Rosenbergh in Germanie, the nineteenth daie of Januarie last past there was beheld in the firmament (to the great wonder of all the Inhabitants) two mightie Rain-bowes, of most bright, shining, and fierie colours, joined backe to backe, full of furious countenances, and of a most large and ample compasse: the sight and strangenes whereof, caused manie Diuines and Philosophers of exquisite iudgement, to yeeld out seuerall and sometime contrarie coniectures, some alleadging one thing, some another: but all for the most part iarring and differing in opinions.

The profound Diuines (whereof Germanie the Lord bee praised hath no want) affirmed, that sithence the true Raine-bow was ordained of God to bee a signe of his mercie, and the Couenaunt which hee made vnto Noah after the destruction of the World by the Flood, that it should neuer bee so destroied againe: and that these two straunge Raine-bowes were seene and setled in the skie contrarie to their vsuall and naturall course, might verie wel and aptlie giue the world to vnderstand, that Gods vnspeakable fauour and two-fold benefit both of peace and plentie bestowed vpon that Countrey, should now bee turned and taken from them, for their great sinnes and manifolde transgressions: and that that signe, namely the Raine-bowe, that was wont to bee a Messenger of his grace and mercie, was now become a forerunner and foreteller of his wrath and furie. And farther, that the Lord was minded to signifie vnto them, as he did vnto the old World, their Cities destruction was at hand, except like the Niniuites, they turned from their wicked waies, and in time repented.

This was the censure of the Diuines, but the Philosophers especially the Astronomers (whereof in those parts is great store) take vpon them at the first to yeeld reasons for this strange spectacle, affirming that

it proceeded of the same causes that a common Raine-bow doth, being the rebounding of beames of light, that turne to the contrarie vapor in the clowd. But the more wise and zealous sort gaue no care to these imaginations, but iudged it a signe of Gods wrathfull displeasure vpon them for their sinnes, seeing more strange and grieuous spectacles to insue, than euer was shewn euer Ierusalem, to recla[illegible]me that vnbeleeuing Citie, and those Crucifiers of their Sauior from their iniquities. For immediately vpon the verie instant (the more to recall them from sinne and remoue them from their former abhominations, as truly they deemed) there appeared another signe of asmuch, yea, and of greater meruaile, to demonstrate the high displeasure of the Almightie: that is, there were seene at that time likewise in the firmament of heuen three goodly Sunnes shining all at one time, with most glorious spredding beames, clere and comfortable: but through each one of these sweete and splendant Sunnes, there seemed to be thrust a bloodie sword or Turkish fauchion, from whence there fell and distilled many drops of blood and goze to the earth.

This strange and wonderous prodegie caused many dreadfull and vncomfortable thoughts to arise in the hearts of the people, musing and deuising much what should be meant thereby, but not knowing what to imagine they fell to prater, beseeching God not to execute his wrath vpon them. Neither did Gods terrible tokens end in this, but beside these three Sunnes, there was seene in the firmament a huge and mightie bloodie Crosse, sprinkled with fresh blood: all which, that is, the three Sunnes, the Raine-bowes, and the Crosse, were seene to continue the space of three daies together, still in the day time. But heere is to be noted a strange thing: for it was obserued, that these three Sunnes did all set together at one instant, and at one place in the West, as the Sun naturallie is wont to do: but in the morning they did appeare seuerall, and take their compasse a good part of the day a sunder.

And while these wonders indured in perfect sheip to the world, there came into the said Citie of Rosenbergh a strange woman, not at anie time seene or knowne to anie of the inhabitants, who being great with childe, and readie euerie houer to fal in trauaile, sate downe and placed her selfe at a rich mans doze of the Citie, grieuously lamenting, wringing her hands, (as it seemed) through the vehemence of hir intolerable agonies. Hir greefe and grontings being heard of many, pitied of some, but relieued by few: at last an auncient Gentlewoman (a Parchemins

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wife of good account in the Citie) came vnto her, and hauing compassion of her estate, conuaied hir into a house, whereinto she was no sooner entred, but presently she fell in trauaile. When the women were come about hir, she was deliuered of a strange and monstrous birth, being a male childe without a head, hauing his eyes, eares, nose and mouth placed in his breast, his eyes especially being of meruailous bignes. This strange and sudden sight greatly amazed the women: notwithstanding perceiuing their worke was not finished, they fainted not, but expecting farther busines, endeuored for the womans helpe againe: when as eft soones there was borne a second child, with a roule of flesh growing on his head in fashion like vnto a Turkes roule, with two labels hanging downe by his chekes, in proportion such as are dependant, pertaining to a Popes Pyter. The third comming into the world with a fierce and deadly clamor, had verie long haire on his head standing vpright, and in his mouth great long teeth, his countenance was angrie & dismall, and on his fingers and toes he had long and sharpe clawes, like the talents of an Eagle, and his nose like an Eagles beake. The fourth child was in no sort deformed, but wept and lamented continually, holding vp his hands and eyes to heauen, and shedding teares of blod in such abundance, that they ran downe all his body: and neither lulling, nor rocking, nor anie thing els could still him, and thus hee continued from the time he was borne till he died.

All the time that these foure children were comming into the world, the former sights were most violent, insomuch that at the birth or seuerall entrance of euerie one of them into the world, there flashed out (as it seemed) such horrible flames of lightning and crackes of thunder insued thereupon from those three Sunnes, that all the inhabitants thereabout thought the whole hoast of heauen would haue couered them. But so soone as the Infants were borne, especialy the last, al the strange sights vanished, and were no more seene afterward, and all things quiet, and the firmament so bright, as if that whole yere no such thing had happened.

The Mother with her Children died soone after she was deliuered, and was put into a coffin by her selfe to be buried: but when she should be caried to Church, eight strong men could not lift hir vp from the ground. This accident bred great astonishment to the beholders, and opening the Coffin to see what the matter was, they found nothing therein but three drops of blod dropped triangle wise in the midst of the coffins bottome,

tome, the corpes being gone no man knew how. The Magistrates and Burgers of the citie not suffring so rare an accident to passe unremembred, caused all those infants to be buried in the Cathedrall Church of the Citie, and their lively shapes to be grauen in braſſe, and fastned ouer the place of their buriall, for all men to behold. But I am now to shew how one of those Caruers that wrought on the figures of these infants comming drunke to his worke, was presently smitten starke dead: and another mocking the strangenes of their visages, was suddenly himself deformed & disfigured. So unrepriueable is God in all his workes, that he will haue no mortall man contemne anie thing that he hath made.

Last of all there were in the same Citie at that instant fortie nine women with childe, who with conceit and feare of this wonderful accident were deliuered of deformed children: besides manie old and sicke folke, yea diuers beasts died of the astonishment.

There were also seene at this time manie strange and unknown fishes to arise out of the sea, and manie other wonders too long to be rehersed. But these strange wonders thus happening on the land, the Magistrates and head Officers of the Citie caused them to bee published in print, that all Nations might know and understand the strange works and wonders of God shewen among them, which they account and acknowledge to be the forerunners of insuing dangers to light upon those Countries and Nations for sinne: for they were not onely seene in Rosenbergh (where the rest of these strange accidents were enacted) but also in the parts of Hungarie nert adioyning, where there bee at this present swarmes of Turkes, and thousands of Infidells, readie to deuoure those Christian Prouinces, except God in mercie fight for them, and rescue them: and throughout all Cleueland likewise, which is under the King of Denmarke.

These be the things that hapned this yere, to cal those Nations home unto the knowledge of their God, and remorse of their offences. The Lord therefore (in the unsearchable depth and bottomlesse fountaine of his mercies) giue both them of those Countries, and all other Christians grace to turne unto him by true, sincere, and vnfained repentance: that he may turne his threatenings, his imminent scourges, and grieuous plagues from vs, and not suffer either Turke, or anie other Enemie to preuaile against vs. And hereunto let vs all answere vnfainedly Amen, Amen.

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